GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4247
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2001
COMMITTEES UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the District Planning Committees under Panchayati Raj Institutions have been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure early constitution of such Committees in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a),(b)&(c) : The District Planning Committees (DPCs) have not been constituted by all the States/UTs. While some of the States have indicated that they have had not constituted DPCs due to pending Panchayat elections, the remaining States/UTs have reported that they wanted the existing District Planning Boards to continue. A Statement indicating the status of DPCs is given in the Annexure.

(d) : The State Chief Ministers/ Union Territory Administrators have been requested for setting up of DPCs at the earliest. The Conference of the Ministers of States incharge of Panchayati Raj held on 11th July, 2001 at New Delhi resolved that all States/UTs will constitute DPCs by the end of 31st July 2001.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Qn. No. 4247due for reply on 21/08/2001

Status of DPCs

S.No	States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	Not constituted
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Not constituted
3	Assam	Not constituted
4	Bihar	Yes. Minister-in-charge of 20 point prog. is Chairperson
5	Goa	Nil
6	Gujarat	Not constituted
7	Haryana	Only in 4 Districts. Rest under consideration
8	Himachal Pradesh	Not yet but it is under consideration
9	J & K	Not applicable
10	Karnataka	Yes. In 17 out of 20 districts. After reorganisation there are 27 districts. All DPCs will be reconstituted now.
11	Kerala	Yes
12	Madhya Pradesh	Yes. District incharge Ministers are Chairpersons. Responsibilities of District Government given to the DPCs
13	Maharashtra	Not constituted
14	Manipur	Yes in 2 distts. Out of 4. Adhyksha, DP is Chairperson
15	Meghalaya	Not applicable
16	Mizoram	Not applicable
17	Nagaland	Not applicable

18 Orissa Not constituted
19 Punjab Not yet but its constitution is under active consideration
20 Rajasthan Yes
21 Sikkim Yes
22 Tamil Nadu Yes. Will become operational after election of members from Panchayats & Municipalities. Chairperson, DP is Chairperson

23 Tripura Yes. Cabinet rank ministers are Chairpersons.
24 Uttar Pradesh Yes. Ministers are Chairpersons.
25 West Bengal Yes in 17 districts. `No` in the districts of Calcutta & Darjeeling. Chairperson, DP is Chairperson

26 A&N Islands Yes
27 Chandigarh Not in favour as 90% of population covered by Municipality
28 D&N Haveli Yes
29 Daman & Diu Not constituted
30 NCT Delhi State PR Act is under submission
31 Lakshadweep Yes. CDC is Chairperson
32 Pondicherry Elections not held